

Committee on Equal Opportunities Report

The Committee on Equal Opportunities met Monday, October 21, 2013, in Frankfort, Kentucky. Following is the status of initiatives, recurring activities, and discussions related to the Committee on Equal Opportunities.

2014 Meeting Schedule: The CEO meeting dates for 2014 are January 28, March 24, May 19, and October 20.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program: The CEO received a status report indicating that the program currently serves 981 middle and junior high school students: 829 students, from 65 schools, enrolled in the six university programs, while 152 students, from 31 schools, enrolled in the KCTCS programs. The GMSCPP promotes access and opportunity through academic enrichment programs and hands-on experiments focused on STEM. The program introduces students to the institutional campus, administrators, faculty, staff, and a diverse makeup of college students. Seven institutions offered year-round programs; all universities offer a summer component. Four of the programs were residential—students remained on campus one week in the summer to acquire a “real-life college experience.” A total of five programs were held in the summer only.

The 2014 GMSCPP Statewide Conference will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky University. Conference planning is underway.

Academically Proficient High School Jr/Sr Diversity Conference: The 2014 Academically Proficient High School Jr/Sr Diversity Conference will be hosted by Murray State University, June 13-14, 2014, in Murray, Kentucky. Approximately 250 students and parents are expected to participate. Conference planning is underway.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: The 2013 SREB Doctoral Scholars Institute on Teaching and Mentoring was held October 31-November 3, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia. Each of the Kentucky public postsecondary institutions participated in the 2013 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring Recruitment Fair. The recruitment fair assists institutions with increasing the number of diverse faculty members employed at Kentucky institutions.

As of October 2013:

- Kentucky has served 117 scholars, 30 students are currently matriculating (32 percent of these students are in the STEM-H areas).
- There are 72 graduates. Eight graduates have earned tenure.
- A total of 25 graduates are employed in Kentucky (15 are graduates of UK and UofL).

Lumina Latino Student Success Annual Meeting: The Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA) Core Team members attended the Lumina Latino Student Success Annual Meeting, August 5-7, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The 2013 annual meeting enabled teams from all 13 sites time to work together, network with fellow sites and national partners, and meet leaders from national organizations.

The Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp, under the leadership of Ms. Erin Howard, was recognized as an example of Excelencia, in Washington, DC, October 1, 2013.

The final K'LEA meeting will be held December 13, 2013, in Midway, KY.

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